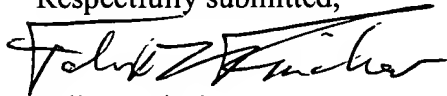


Remarks/Arguments

It is noted with appreciation that in the office action dated 03/22/2004 the Examiner has allowed claims 16 through 24 and found that claims 2-10 and 13-15 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 13 have been so amended and are believed to be allowable in their amended form. Claims 1, 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

The applicant believes that all claims now pending in the application as amended are in condition for allowance and action by the Examiner in that regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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